

Actor Tom Cruise finally gets an Oscar

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Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise has finally won an Oscar. The 63-year-old actor was given a special award on Saturday. Mr Cruise was nominated for an Oscar four times at the Academy Awards, but he never won. Academy president Janet Yang

explained why Cruise got his Oscar. She said he is one of the most famous and biggest money-earning actors of all time. She added that Cruise's "incredible commitment to filmmaking, to the theatrical experience, and to the stunts community has inspired us all". Cruise is famous for doing all of his own stunts. Many of them are very dangerous. Hollywood actor Ethan Hawke predicted Cruise would get four more Oscars in the next 20 years.

Tom Cruise was very happy to get an Oscar. In his acceptance speech, he said he felt very lucky to be a part of movies and cinema. He said: "Making films is not what I do, it is who I am." He added: "My love for cinema began at a very early age — as early as I can remember. I was just a little kid in a darkened theatre, and I remember that beam of light just cut across the room... Suddenly, the world was so much larger than the one that I knew." He said: "Cinema takes me around the world. No matter where we come from, in the [movie] theatre, we laugh together, we feel together, we hope together. And that is the power of this art form." Cruise is most famous for the Mission: Impossible and Top Gun films.

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Writing

A.I. actors will be better than human actors one day. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Hollywood / superstar / actor / award / president / famous / commitment / stunts / happy / speech / cinema / films / a very early age / beam of light / power / art form

True / False

- 1) Tom Cruise won his second Oscar on Saturday night. T / F
- 2) The Academy president said Cruise was the most famous actor ever. T / F
- 3) The president said people were inspired by Cruise's commitment. T / F
- 4) An actor said Cruise would win four Oscars in the next 20 years. T / F
- 5) Cruise said he was fortunate to be a part of the movie world. T / F
- 6) Cruise didn't start to like movies until he was a teenager. T / F
- 7) Cruise said making Top Gun made him travel around the world. T / F
- 8) Cruise said the power of movies makes people hope together. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. award | a. energized |
| 2. nominated | b. guessed |
| 3. of all time | c. dream |
| 4. inspired | d. ever |
| 5. predicted | e. fortunate |
| 6. speech | f. prize |
| 7. lucky | g. passion |
| 8. love | h. talk |
| 9. kid | i. recommended |
| 10. hope | j. child |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What Tom Cruise movies do you like?
- c) Are you good at making speeches?
- d) What would you like an award for?
- e) How important are movies to you?
- f) Which are better, movies or series on streaming channels?
- g) What do you remember about your first trip to the cinema?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Tom Cruise?

Phrase Match

1. Cruise was nominated
 2. the most famous and biggest money-
 3. Cruise's incredible commitment
 4. Cruise is famous for doing all of his
 5. Ethan Hawke predicted Cruise would
 6. acceptance
 7. as early as
 8. beam
 9. No matter
 10. the power of this art
- a. of light
 - b. get four more Oscars
 - c. I can remember
 - d. to filmmaking
 - e. speech
 - f. for an Oscar four times
 - g. where we come from
 - h. earning actors
 - i. form
 - j. own stunts

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you know about Tom Cruise?
- b) Who are your favourite superstars?
- c) Are Hollywood movies the best in the world?
- d) Have you ever won an award?
- e) Do you think you would be a good actor?
- f) What do you think of going to the cinema?
- g) Who are your favourite movie stars?
- h) What's your favourite movie, and why?

Spelling

1. given a special adawr
2. money-ginenra actors
3. Cruise's ibcdileren commitment
4. the theatrical ixeerpnece
5. doing all of his own usnstt
6. Hawke drpeicdet Cruise would get four more
7. In his peecaacntc speech
8. My love for anmice
9. a little kid in a rdnkdeae theatre
10. maeb of light
11. we glauh together
12. inmsois impossible

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. d	4. a	5. b
6. h	7. e	8. g	9. j	10. c

Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions.
(Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	How old is Tom Cruise?
2.	How many times had Cruise been nominated for an Oscar?
3.	What community does Cruise have an "incredible commitment" to?
4.	What is Tom Cruise famous for doing?
5.	What did another actor predict Cruise would do in the next 20 years?
6.	How does Cruise think about being a part of movies and cinema?
7.	When did Cruise first start to love cinema?
8.	What did Cruise see in a theatre he sat in as a child?
9.	Where does cinema take Cruise?
10.	What three things did Cruise say people do together in a movie theatre?

Speaking – Movie Genres

Rank these with your partner. Put the best movie genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Action
- Horror
- Comedy
- Romance
- Historical drama
- Documentary
- Fantasy anime
- Mystery

Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	T	5	T	6	F	7	F	8	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.